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25X1A STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 29 December 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Cunningham

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Mr. Parangoosky

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Col. Beerli

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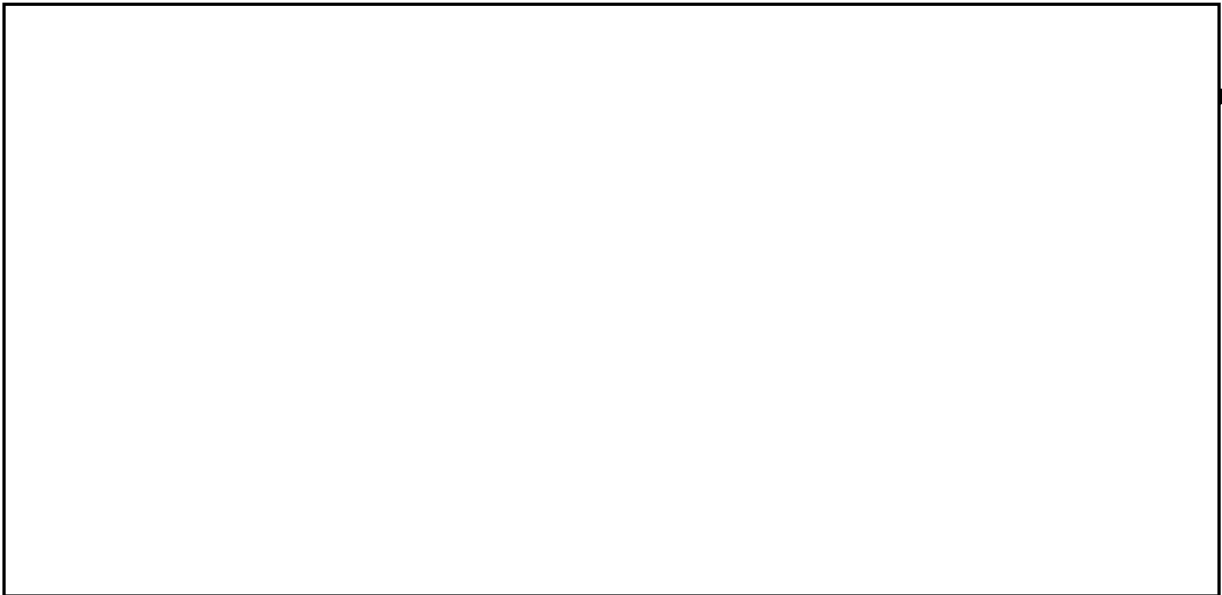
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5. FAR EAST AIR OPERATIONS [redacted] Operations are now in a stand-down status, pending an evaluation of [redacted] in the China area.

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Project [redacted] is also in a stand-down status for the month of January.

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One [redacted] operation is planned for January. The field has asked for a postponement of any [redacted] in order to enable the participants there to correct deficiencies revealed in the December operations and to enable the Air Force to conduct proper maintenance on the C-130 aircraft.

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Col. Beerli indicated that briefings will be given to General Erskine in order to acquaint him with the importance of these missions and particularly the need for the maintenance. A decision has been reached to send further instructions to the field on Air Force channels rather than DOD channels. Gen. Montgomery has agreed to send a wire to PACAF requesting Gen. O'Donnell's full cooperation in these operations. A separate message will be sent to [redacted] asking him to contact Col. Burke and thru him Gen. O'Donnell and discuss the operations with him.

6. DPD SECURITY CHECK SHEET - The DPD Security Office has prepared a check sheet for conducting after-hour security checks. Information on the use of this will be published next week.

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A proposal was made that the entire area used by DPD should be considered as a vaulted area. [redacted] will determine with the Office of Physical Security what the requirements are for a vaulted area and pass this information to DPD Materiel for a study of cost.

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7. MEETING WITH GEN. DUNNING AS IT AFFECTS DET 2, KADENA - Col. Beerli reported that his meeting with Gen. Dunning on the joint tenancy agreement with Kadena Air Force Base was favorable. Dunning was in complete agreement with the CIA position and explained that their desire to have the local Air Commander consulted referred not to approving in advance each mission but to reviewing each mission to determine how much the Air Force was implicated in event of a compromise. It was agreed that the go or no-go authority would be at the Washington level, thereby eliminating the possibility of conflict between the CIA Detachment Commander at Kadena and the local Air Force Commander. Operations Branch is redrafting the Agency reply along the lines of the conversation above. Gen. Dunning was asked by Col. Beerli to expedite the activation of the unit.

8. JOINT DPD/FE PAPER ON RELOCATION OF DET C - At the request of Mr. Bissell, a staff study will be prepared by the Operations Branch evaluating the possibility of relocating Detachment C. Mr. Bissell would like to have this paper prior to his FE trip which commences 29 January. Comments from Security, Cover, Finance, and Material have been requested. These should be forwarded to Operations Branch in time to enable the paper to be drawn up by 20 January.

9. OKCART MEETING - Mr. Parangosky reported that the December OKCART meeting was concerned with technical problems and a review of progress by all the suppliers. The radar cross section now appears to be the only remaining problem and a decision on this is anticipated prior to the 19 January meeting in Boston. Mr. Parangosky indicated that this meeting should constitute decision making day on freezing the configurations to be used.

10. CORONA/ARGON - Mr. Sherman reported that the next CORONA shot (with pay load) is scheduled for 20 January. Confidence in recoverability is much greater than in the past due to the installation of additional telemetry and a new beacon.

A progress review meeting is scheduled for the last week in January.

Project ARGON is proceeding according to schedule. Delivery of the first flight unit is expected in May.

11. OTHER ITEMS.

a. Mr. Bissell has approved a paper which gives DPD financial management of the [ ] program. In addition, he has approved the installation of [ ] and has approved the projected requirements for this program.

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c. A study prepared by Operations and signed by Mr. Bissell on the maintenance of cold war contingency forces in the FE area and Eglin has been sent to General Cabell for comments. [redacted] of the PP Staff, upon receiving his copy of this paper, called to express his concern over the fact that it had not been coordinated with him prior to transmittal. Mr. Cunningham, based on this occurrence, urged all DPD sections to be certain to staff out such studies not only within the Division but without the Division prior to forwarding for high level approval or concurrence. He also requested that all papers going outside the Division be channelled through the office of the Acting Chief, DPD to enable him to be aware of the contents.

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